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SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL PACIFIC SALMON FISHERY COMMISSION (IPSFC)
REGULATIONS

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1. LEGAULT HAS CONSULTED WITH OFFICIALS IN OTTAWA BY PHONE AND HAS INFORMED LEITZELL THAT CANADA CANNOT ACCEPT U.S. PROPOSAL REGARDING SUBAREA 2. LEGAULT SAID THEY FELT ENFORCEMENT WOULD BE DIFFICULT, THAT THIS WOULD AMOUNT TO LACK OF REGULATION IN THAT SUBAREA, AND THAT, POLITICALLY, IT IS DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO HAVE AMERICANS FISHING WHILE CANADIANS ARE PROHIBITED FROM FISHING.

2. LEGAULT WAS PLEASED WITH ASSURANCE THAT POSITION PRESENTED WAS COORDINATED USG POSITION TO WHICH USG EXPECTED TO ADHERE BUT FELT THAT WAS NOT SUFFICIENT. HE ASKED WHETHER ASSURANCE COULD BE GIVEN WITH REGARD TO GEAR REGULATION PORTION OF USG PROPOSAL ALONE. LEITZELL SAID HE WOULD QUERY WASHINGTON ON THIS POINT. LEGAULT GAVE NO INDICATION OF BACKING OFF HIS EARLIER ACCEPTANCE OF GEAR REGULATION PROPOSAL BUT IS ANXIOUS TO GET ASSURANCE THAT USG WILL NOT CHANGE COURSE.

3. FINALLY, LEGAULT CAUTIONED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT
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TO COORDINATE CLOSELY ON THIS AND TO WORK OUT RATIONAL

SOLUTION. IN THAT CONTEXT, HE SAID THAT JAN. 30
MEETING WAS NOT OUR LAST CHANCE AND THAT WE SHOULD
NOT NECESSARILY TRY TO SETTLE ISSUE BEFORE THEN. HE
NOTED HE WOULD BE IN WASHINGTON FEB. 17 AND SAID HE
WOULD BE WILLING TO MEET ON THIS EITHER FEB. 16 OR
FEB. 18. LEITZELL SAID SOME PEOPLE WORKING ON ISSUE
WOULD BE ON WEST COAST NEGOTIATING WITH CANADIAN
OFFICIALS BUT THAT HE WOULD INFORM WASHINGTON OF
SUGGESTION. DALE

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